



## **Senator Portman's Efforts for the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant**

**As a member of the U.S. House of Representatives, helped develop the Fiscal Year (FY) 2002 Supplemental Appropriations bill** that required the Department of Energy to construct two conversion Depleted Uranium Hexafluoride (DUF-6) facilities with one at the Portsmouth Plant and a second at the facility in Paducah.

**Saved 300 Transfer and Shipping jobs** in 2002 by working with Governor Taft and others in the Ohio delegation to significantly reduce the looming 440 lost jobs that were announced by USEC with the elimination of the Transfer and Shipping operations at the Portsmouth Plant.

**Worked with the Administration to get a commitment of \$70 million** over several years starting in FY 2004 to clean up the Gas Centrifuge Enrichment Program (GCEP) facilities at the Portsmouth Plant.

**Worked to secure \$8.5 million in reprogrammed Department of Energy FY 2001 and 2002 funding** for cold standby/deposit removal project. This shortfall could have led to 250-300 lay-offs, but these supplemental funds ensured that key employees at the site were retained.

**Helped deliver a funding grant of over \$5 million dollars to continue Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) benefits for the State of Ohio** by working with the Department of Labor (DOL) to expedite the Portsmouth workforce applications.

**Worked to Secure the Lead Cascade Project for the New Centrifuge Technology** by joining Governor Taft in meeting with USEC to promote Piketon as the best site for the lead cascade project.

**Secured Additional Funding for Cold Standby/Deposit Removal** by persuading the DOE to secure an additional \$20 million in supplemental funding for the Portsmouth Plant in FY 2003. The FY 2003 House Energy and Water Appropriations bill provided \$65 million for Cold Standby/Deposit Removal which was \$20.5 million short of what is needed to safely and effectively maintain the current scope of work at the site.

**Successfully negotiated with DOE and USEC to retain the 116 deposit removal workers** during the continuing resolution period by securing a \$17 million plus up in FY 2004 Energy and Water Appropriations. The bill also directed DOE to fund Tc-99 cleanup in the FY 2005 budget.

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**As a U.S. Senator, worked to advance USEC's Department of Energy loan guarantee application** for the construction of the American Centrifuge Project (ACP) in southern Ohio.

**Worked to receive a commitment from Stephen Chu, Secretary of Energy**, to increase barter sales of enriched uranium from \$150 million annually to \$200 million annually in 2012. All funds raised through the barter sales are used to fund decontamination and deconstruction activities at the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant.

**Secured \$150 million in DOD authorization** to allow the Department of Energy (DOE) to continue its two-year American Centrifuge research, development, and demonstration program at Piketon in 2012. This program, first proposed by DOE in October of 2011, was designed by the department to help develop U.S. enrichment technology capable of meeting vital national security, nonproliferation, and energy security needs while also enhancing taxpayer protections.

**Requested an official meeting with Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz** to discuss the long-term viability and ongoing progress at the American Centrifuge Project (ACP) in Piketon. The letter follows the successful passage of a bipartisan appropriation package in January 2014 that devoted additional funding to continue research, development and deployment (RD&D) work being done at the site.

**Called on the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to provide answers** regarding concern over funding for decommissioning and decontamination work at the former Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant in Piketon, Ohio following rumors of layoffs in July of 2014.

**Met with United Steel Workers Local 689** President Herman Potter and Maintenance Representative Keith Hammond in July of 2014 to discuss his ongoing efforts to accelerate cleanup and reindustrialization of the Piketon site.

**Called on the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)** to take steps to prevent the possible layoffs of nearly 700 workers employed on the cleanup of the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant in Piketon. In the letter to Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz, Senator Portman urged the department to advocate within the Obama Administration and with members of Congress to forestall the proposed layoffs in July of 2014 and help continue the cleanup of the site.

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